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AMENDMENT

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An elastic nonwoven fabric consisting of one layer wherein a long elastomeric fiber and a long nonelastomeric fiber are uniformly mixed together by spinning with a melt-blown method ~~or a spunbonding method~~ that uses a spinneret having both a spinning hole for discharging elastomeric resin and another spinning hole for discharging nonelastomeric resin thereon,

wherein a ratio of said long elastomeric fiber ~~and~~ to said long nonelastomeric fiber ranges from 50/50 to 95/5 on a weight basis, said long elastomeric fiber has an average diameter (Bd) of 5 to 40 μm , an elongation recovery rate of the elastic nonwoven fabric after 50% elongation is 70% or higher, a separation resistance of two sheets of the same is equal or less than the strength at 50% elongation, and a ratio of Bd to an average diameter (Ad) of said long nonelastomeric fiber is no less than 2.

Claim 2. (canceled)

3. (original) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the said long elastomeric fiber comprises at least one of the group consisting of elastomeric polystyrenes and elastomeric polyolefins.

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4. (previously presented) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the said long nonelastomeric fiber has an average diameter (Ad) of 1 to 20 μm .

5. (original) A laminated elastic nonwoven fabric manufactured by laminating at least one item chosen from the group consisting of a nonwoven fabric different from one according to claim 1, film, web, textile, knit and fiber bundle, to an elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 1.

6. (original) A fiber product which employs the elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 1.

7. (original) A fiber product which employs the laminated elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 5.

Claims 8-16. (canceled)

17. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric consisting of one layer wherein a long elastomeric fiber and a long nonelastomeric fiber are uniformly mixed together by spinning with a spunbonding method that uses a spinneret having both a spinning hole for discharging elastomeric resin and another spinning hole for discharging nonelastomeric resin thereon, uses an air sucker and collects the long elastomeric fiber and the long nonelastomeric fiber on a collecting conveyor,

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wherein the elastic nonwoven fabric has not been stretched after being manufactured, a ratio of said long elastomeric fiber and said long nonelastomeric fiber ranges from 50/50 to 95/5 on a weight basis, said long elastomeric fiber has an average diameter (Bd) of 5 to 40 μm , an elongation recovery rate of the elastic nonwoven fabric after 50% elongation is 70% or higher, a separation resistance of two sheets of the same is equal or less than the strength at 50% elongation, and a ratio of Bd to an average diameter (Ad) of said long nonelastomeric fiber is no less than 2.

18. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric obtained by stretching an elastic nonwoven fabric as described in claim 17.

19. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 17, wherein the said long elastomeric fiber comprises at least one of the group consisting of elastomeric polystyrenes and elastomeric polyolefins.

20. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 17, wherein the said long nonelastomeric fiber has an average diameter (Ad) of 1 to 20 μm .

21. (new) A laminated elastic nonwoven fabric manufactured by laminating at least one item chosen from the group consisting of a nonwoven fabric different from one according to claim 17, film, web, textile, knit and fiber bundle, to an elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 17.

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22. (new) A fiber product which employs the elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 17.

23. (new) A fiber product which employs the laminated elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 21.

24. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 18, wherein the said long elastomeric fiber comprises at least one of the group consisting of elastomeric polystyrenes and elastomeric polyolefins.

25. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 18, wherein the said long nonelastomeric fiber has an average diameter (Ad) of 1 to 20 μm .

26. (new) A laminated elastic nonwoven fabric manufactured by laminating at least one item chosen from the group consisting of a nonwoven fabric different from one according to claim 18, film, web, textile, knit and fiber bundle, to an elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 18.

27. (new) A fiber product which employs the elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 18.

28. (new) A fiber product which employs the laminated elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 26.